

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the following remarks and above amendments, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. In the Office Action, Claims 1-5 and 10-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,125,287 ("Cushman et al."). Claims 6-9 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

The Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in Claims 6-9 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 1, 5, 10 and 11 have been amended. No new subject matter has been presented.

Claims 1 and 5, which are the independent claims pending in this application, were rejected as allegedly being unpatentable over Cushman et al.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that, if it is detected that a user has consecutively inputted the same key before elapse of a predetermined time period for consecutive input, a *different* function will be performed *from among a plurality of different functions, according to a number of times of consecutive input of the same key*. Neither Cushman et al. nor any other cited reference discloses or suggests such recitation.

Claim 5 has been amended to specify that the control of the position of the cursor on the displayed menu screen depends only *on maintenance of the key input state for the predetermined period of time*. This amendment clarifies that the user does not have to select

any other key to control the position of the cursor. The ability of the user to control the position of the cursor by *maintenance of the key input state for the predetermined period of time* is explained in the Specification of the pending application as:

“when selecting a particular menu on a menu screen comprising the conventional scroll or of selecting a particular menu by scroll on a selected menu screen, only a single scroll key is sufficient to scroll according to the present invention unlike the conventional four scroll keys in left, right, upward and downward directions. Therefore, in a mobile telecommunication terminal having limited number of keys, key functions can be diversified according to a key input method.

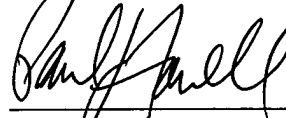
Page 8, lines 20-25 (emphasis supplied).

Like the “conventional four scroll keys” described above, Cushman et al. teaches using up, down, left and right keys (See FIG. 1) to control the position of the cursor. Accordingly, Cushman et al. fails to disclose or suggest at least the recitation of *controlling the position of a cursor on the displayed menu screen depending only on maintenance of the key input state for the predetermined period of time* of amended Claim 5. None of the other references cure this defect.

Without conceding the patentability *per se* of the dependent claims, it is submitted that dependent Claims 2-4 and 6-11 are allowable for the above reasons, at least by virtue of their respective dependency upon Claims 1 and 5.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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